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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to advise you that I do not want the Federal Communications Commission to approve the use of cellular telephones onboard aircraft between the time that the boarding door is shut and the time the aircraft safely returns to the runway after flight.

As a frequent flyer (100,000 miles per year), I am used to small seats, crying children, limited temperature controls, restroom lines and the inability to get up and stretch as necessary. The prospect of listening to a fellow traveler conduct business (no doubt shouting to be heard) in my ear for the 5-hour flight to Los Angeles frightens me more than the prospect of long screening lines or missed connections due to de-ice delays. I'd sooner listen to some proud parent in the next seat drone on about his or her children than I would a disjointed personal conversation on someone's Nextel phone beeping and bleating at them (and all the rest of us) in the seat just inches away.

I can only imagine trying to read or sleep while I'm subjected to some smooth talking sales devil trying to set up business appointments in my ear.

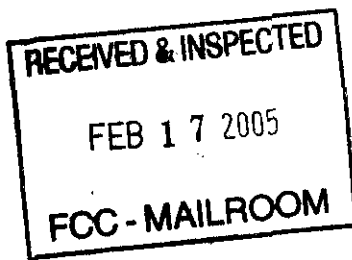
While our domestic air travel has become similar to transportation by motor coach, the airlines have to provide a higher level of safety. A higher level of comfort will only happen without cell phones in flight.

Sincerely,


Tim Shaw

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Ms. Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Please don't let cellular phones be used on aircraft in flight. The prospects of listening to someone try to sell something or patch up their love life on a public phone in a hotel lobby is one thing, but the thought of someone using a beeping bleating phone in the close confines of a commercial aircraft frightens me more than I care to think about.

Technology has evolved to the point where wireless text communication; quiet, peaceful and painless to those reading or sleeping in close proximity is acceptable. Cell phone conversations; noisy and invasive are not.

Please don't let people use cell phones on commercial aircraft between the time that the boarding door is shut and the time the aircraft safely returns to the runway after flight.

Cordially,

Tim Shaw

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